FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 PM ET  "The Tooth that nibbles at the soul" (Emily Dickinson)
The Encounter opens with poetry and music, with Matthew Cossack, baritone, Andrea Domenici, jazz pianist, Radoslava Jasik, classical pianist, and Vaneese Thomas, singer

7:45 PM ET  EXHIBIT PRESENTATION | Nature Is a Spectacle that Is Never Exhausted
From curiosity to the beauty of discovery, a journey to regain trust in science.

8:15 PM ET  EXHIBIT PRESENTATION | The Surprise Exhibit
The exhibit that “may change your life or leave you angry and confused”

9:00 PM ET  An Impossible Trust
Screening of the award-winning documentary Unguarded, on APAC, the revolutionary prison system aimed at the full recovery of the person. Introduced by:
Valdeci Antônio Ferreira | general director of the Brazilian Fraternity of Assistance to Convicts (FBAC)
Simonetta d’Italia Wiener | director of Unguarded
Michelle Riconscente | chief operating officer, Matimatic

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 AM ET  Politics: A Zero-Sum Game?
Overcoming ideological divides in the political battlefield
William Haslam | former Governor of Tennessee
Dan Lipinski | former U.S. Congressman
Kimberly Shankman | Dean of Benedictine College, Atchison, KS

11:30 AM ET  “Journalism is in the service of truth” (Oriana Fallaci)
A conversation on truth in journalism
Patrick Radden Keeffe | writer and investigative journalist
Thomas Rosenstiel | former executive director of the American Press Institute
Elena Perazzini | writer
Brandon Vaidyanathan | Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology, The Catholic University of America

12:45 PM ET  “I cannot say ‘I’ if I do not say ‘you’” (Luigi Giussani)
A presentation of The Meaning of Birth, a conversation between Fr. Luigi Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation, and Giovanni Testori
Phil Klay | author
Margarita Mooney | Associate Professor of Congregational Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary
Rowan Williams | theologian
Greg Wolfe | writer and managing director of Slant Books

2:00 PM ET  The End of the Pax Americana?
The changing role of the U.S. in global affairs and its impact on world peace and stability
Andrew Bacevich | Professor Emeritus of International Relations and History, Boston University
Michael Desch | Founding Director of the Notre Dame International Security Center
Paolo Carozza | Professor of Law and Director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

3:00 PM ET  Charting Our Future in a Pandemic Year
Presentation of Breaking Ground, a book of a unique moral record of 2020-2021, and the network of diverse faith-based institutions which generated it
Susannah Black | senior editor of Plough
Luke Bretherton | Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School
Christine Emba | columnist, The Washington Post
Anne Snyder | editor-in-chief of Comment and creator of Breaking Ground
4:00 PM ET  **Facing Truth: Capitalism and Its Inner Challenges**  
A conversation on prosperity, opportunity, and inequality  
Jean-Paul Fitoussi | Professor Emeritus of Economics at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris  
Branko Milanovic | senior fellow at the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality  
Samuele Rosa | senior economist, International Monetary Fund  
Anujeet Sareen | portfolio manager, Brandywine Global

5:15 PM ET  **EXHIBIT PRESENTATION | “As far as my heart, I’d rather be restless”: Amy Winehouse’s Ache for the Truth**

6:00 PM ET  **Can We Ever Know What Is real?**  
A conversation on the erosion of trust in science and the price we pay  
David Brooks | New York Times editorialist  
Francis Collins | Senior Investigator, former Director of the National Institutes of Health

7:30 PM ET  **Haiti’s Open Wounds**  
Eyewitness accounts on the relentless humanitarian crisis in Haiti, its causes, and future perspectives  
Fiammetta Cappellini | AVSI country representative in Haiti  
Joe Parkin Daniels | correspondent for Latin America and the Caribbean at The Guardian  
Jackie Aldrette | managing director, AVSI-USA

8:40 PM ET  **POETRY CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY**

9:00 PM ET  **There Is More Love**  
The Bay Ridge Band LIVE in concert from New York

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

9:00 AM ET  **Holy Mass for the centennial anniversary of Fr. Luigi Giussani’s birth**  
Celebrated by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, with the Choir of New York Encounter directed by Sebastian Modarelli, music director at the Co-Cathedral of St. John, Rochester, MN

11:00 AM ET  **Why Does Truth Matter? And How Can We Reach It?**  
This year Encounter’s questions through Fr. Giussani’s eyes, on the occasion of the publication of To Give One’s Life for the Work of Another with Michael Waldstein, Professor of New Testament, Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH  
The event will introduce The Journey to the Truth, an exhibit on the Servant of God Fr. Luigi Giussani on the centennial of his birth.

12:30 PM ET  **Facing Unsettling Questions**  
Eyewitness accounts from the frontlines of healthcare  
Cristiano Ferrario | Assistant Professor of Oncology, McGill University  
Federica Fromm | medical doctor  
Enrico Grugnetti | registered nurse  
Gerard Brungardt | Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine

2:00 PM ET  **“Without truth, there is no reconciliation” (Bryan Stevenson)**  
Bryan Stevenson | founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative  
Esmeralda Negron | assistant public defender

3:15 PM ET  **Immunity: COVID-19 and Beyond**  
A scientific presentation on how our immune system responds to viruses and vaccines, with Mark Painter, post-doctoral fellow, Institute for Immunology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

4:00 PM ET  **Body and Identity**  
A presentation on gender theory and its social implications  
Abigail Favale | Dean of the College of Humanities, George Fox University  
Helen Joyce | executive editor for events business of The Economist  
Holly Peterson | Principal of Nativity: Faith and Reason School in Broomfield, CO

5:30 PM ET  **“What never dies” (Takashi Nagai)**  
A presentation on the life of Dr. Takashi Nagai and his wife Midori  
Gabriele Di Comite | president of the Friends of Takashi and Midori Nagai association  
Chad Diehl | historian and instructional designer, University of Virginia  
Dominic Higgins | movie director

7:30 PM ET  **This Urge for Singing: How We Love It!**  
Final night of celebration and songs with the Encounter volunteers